

EVACUATION PROCLAMATION

American Commissioners Are Arranging the Final Details.

RULES FOR GOVERNMENT

Spanish Troops Remaining in the Island After January 1 Will Be Treated with Consideration, and the Strictest Impartiality Will Be Observed by United States Officials in Dealing with All Classes While They Are in Control of the Affairs at Cuba—Programme of the Evacuation Ceremonies.

Havana, Dec. 26.—The American evacuation commission will tomorrow issue a proclamation to the inhabitants of the island of Cuba. It says in part:

The undersigned commissioners on the part of the United States having been invested with power by the president to arrange for and execute the evacuation of Cuba and adjacent islands, and the taking over of the public property of Spain have entered into an agreement with the commissioners on the part of Spain for the final evacuation and regulations to be observed and carried out on the first day of January and thereafter until all Spanish troops shall have embarked for repatriation.

For nearly four months this commission and other officials of the United States have been under the protection of the Spanish authorities. They have extended to us the most scrupulous courtesy and consideration and not one unpleasant incident has marred our sojourn in their midst and now that our positions are soon to be reversed and our protection withdrawn we must see to it that they enjoy the same humanity and consideration.

TRAIL OF BLOOD DOWN IN ATLANTA

Shooting Affairs Mark the Return of Christmas—Fatal Results in Many Cases.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 26.—Henry Perry, a well-known citizen of Atlanta, was shot and almost instantly killed today in a house on Madison street by John A. Milams. The men had a desperate fight for a revolver, which Milams finally secured. Florence Livingston, who lived in the place, endeavored to separate the men, but failed. She afterwards told the authorities that she did the killing and presented a pistol as the weapon used, but all the chambers were filled. A passerby caught Perry as he fell and heard him say he had been killed by Milams.

CHRISTMAS AT MANILA.

Observed by Americans with Religious Services.

Manila, Dec. 26.—Christmas was generally observed among the Americans here by religious services by Protestants and Catholics alike. The services for the Colorado and Pennsylvania regiments were conducted by Chaplain Harris, of the former. Father McKinnon preached a sermon to the California regiments in the evening.

SHOOTING AT LITTLE ROCK.

A Bystander Killed by a Stray Bullet During the Affray.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 26.—At Harrison, Ark., Frank Pace, ex-prosecuting attorney, and his brother, Henry, met M. L. Adorholtz, a prominent stock man on the street and a duel ensued in which Adorholtz was mortally wounded.

Colonel Moore Dead.

Wheeling, W. Va., Dec. 26.—Colonel Philip Henry Moore, died today of paralysis. He was the editor and owner of the Ohio Valley Manufacturer. When the civil war opened he cast his fortunes with the Confederacy and rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the engineer corps. In 1859 he established the Wheeling Daily Union.

AMERICANS WILL BE PROTECTED

AN EXPEDITION FOR THAT PURPOSE AT ILOILO.

While American Interests Are in No Immediate Danger, It Is Thought Best to Be Prepared for Emergency—The Spanish Report Concerning an Engagement at Iloilo Lacks Confirmation—Dewey Anxious for the Buffalo.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The administration has taken steps to safeguard American interests in the city of Iloilo, on the island of Panay, one of the Philippine archipelago, and a military and naval expedition is now on its way there from Manila. Cable advices were received here today from General Otis, commanding the military forces in the Philippines, and Admiral Dewey, commanding the naval forces, showing that they are acting in concert in the matter.

General Otis reported that he has dispatched two regiments and a battery of artillery to Iloilo on army transports and Admiral Dewey notified the navy department that the cruiser Baltimore had sailed from Manila for the same place.

It is explained that these officers are acting upon their discretion in the matter and that no official advices have been received here to indicate that there is any unusual lawlessness in Iloilo.

THE CONGRESS ADMIRERS.

The so-called congress of the revolutionary government of the Philippines, which has been in session for some time at Marikina, has unexpectedly adjourned, owing to the difficulty of formulating a constitution.

BICYCLE RACING.

Affair at Madison Square Garden Still Unsettled.

New York, Dec. 26.—The question of supremacy between human and machine pacemaking for bicycle racers has yet to be determined. Tonight at Madison Square Garden, the American Cycling Association held one of its tournaments where amateurs and professionals struggled hard for honors and the night's programme was to have been won up with a 20-mile race between H. D. Elkes, the world's hour champion, paced by regular pacemaker, and Jay Eaton and Teddy Goodman, paced by the French machine.

CARDS CAUSE DUEL.

Doc MacClelland Fatally Shoots Jim Mitchell.

Rock Springs, Ala., Dec. 26.—At Alexandria, Ky., Jim Mitchell from here, Jim Mitchell and Doc MacClelland quarreled over a game of cards. Both drew guns and fired. MacClelland's shot struck Mitchell in the forehead, tearing off the top of the skull and killing him instantly.

Steamship Arrivals.

Liverpool, Dec. 26.—Arrived: Umbria, New York. Sailed: Nomadic, New York.

CINCINNATI AT HAVANA.

Will Remain and Take Part in Evacuation Ceremonies.

Washington, Dec. 26.—It was announced at the navy department today that the cruiser Cincinnati would remain at Havana until after January 1 and take part in the ceremonies attending the Spanish evacuation of Cuban territory at the conclusion of which the vessel will go to New York.

Commodore Cromwell, commandant of the new naval station at Havana, has notified the navy department that he has hoisted his flag on the auxiliary cruiser Resolute, which has just arrived at that port. That vessel will remain at Havana as a station ship.

Word was received at the war department that the hospital ship Bay State, which arrived yesterday at Santiago de Cuba, had proceeded to Kingsford-James. There a board of medical officers on the ship who are to inspect the methods adopted by the British army for the care and subsistence of troops in the tropics.

JEWISH HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Seventh Annual Meeting Is Held at Philadelphia—Representative Gathering of Scholars and Writers.

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—The American Jewish Historical Association held its seventh annual meeting here today, with a large and representative gathering of Jewish scholars and writers. The morning session was presided over by First Vice-President Hon. Simon W. Rosendale, of Albany, and Drs. Cyrus Adler and Herbert Friedland, of Washington, D. C., acted as secretaries.

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SPAIN WILL NOT REFUSE BUSINESS

WILL BE FRIENDLY FOR TRADE AT LEAST.

Senator Frye's Observations—Sentiment Against the United States Confined to the French Newspapers, and They Do Not Represent the People—Idea of a Proper Disposition of the New Territory.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Senator Frye talked to a Star reporter today with respect to the conditions attending and resulting from the peace negotiations.

With respect to the frequently reported statement in French dispatches that the sentiment of the powers, with the exception of England, was opposed to the United States and looked with disfavor upon the attitude of this government in dealing with Spain, Senator Frye said:

"I saw no evidence of such sentiment existing outside of France, and in France that sentiment appeared to be confined to the press, which does not reflect the sentiment of the nation for the people generally."

CONTRADICTS ALLEGATIONS MADE IN THE ENGINEERING MAGAZINE REGARDING CONDITIONS OF WARSHIPS AT SANTIAGO.

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PIGREE PAYS FARE.

Will Have a Live Anti-Imperialist Lecture.

Boston, Dec. 26.—In reply to a telegraphic request from Governor Piggree, of Michigan, for a speaker for anti-imperialist meeting in Detroit tomorrow night, the anti-imperialist league has sent Rev. Samuel E. Fuller, of Boston, and Governor Piggree bearing the expense.

FIENDISH CRIME.

Joseph Hearnery Charged with Having Burned His Wife to Death.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Winnie Hearnery, aged 28 years, was found badly burned last night at her home in the tenement building at 101 Detroit street. Her bed was partly burned. She lies in St. John's hospital at the point of death. The cause of the fire was given by the woman and her husband, Joseph Hearnery, a laborer, as the explosion of a lamp.

MR. HALLSTEAD'S CASE.

Binhamton Correspondent Says He Will Not Leave Scranton.

New York, Dec. 27.—A dispatch to the World from Binhamton (N. Y.) says: Vice President Hallstead, of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad, who is said to be slated for the presidency of the road on resignation of Samuel Sican next February, announces that he will not accept the position. The acceptance of the office would require Mr. Hallstead's removal to New York and he says he proposes to pass the remainder of his life in Scranton, where he lived for forty years.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: Fair; Colder; Northwesterly Winds.

1 General—Proclamation as to Cuban Evacuation. Americans Will Be Protected in Her Territory. Spain Will Be Friendly in Her Trade Relations. How Washington Will Celebrate the Holiday.

2 General—News of the Soldiers at Camp MacKenzie. Address by W. H. Campbell Before the Shoe Dealers' Association.

3 Local—Col. H. M. Bates on the Defense of a Free People. Councilman Melvin's Plans for Lighting the City.

4 Editorial. News and Comment.

5 Local—Social Functions of the Last Week of the Year. Observance of Secular Christmas.

6 Local—West Scranton and Suburban. News Round About Scranton.

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WEATHER FORECAST.

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